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SOURCE

1. Air activity observed in Peenemuende airfield from 13 through 23 April 1953 included:

13 April. From 8:10 to 9 a.m., three MiG-15s made local training flights. Weather was fair. At 2 p.m., a conventional piston engine plane took off and headed south; it returned about 5 p.m.

14 April. In the morning, MiG-15s practiced take-offs and landings. Weather was fair.

15 April. From 8:15 to 9:20 a.m., several MiG-15s practiced flying. At 9:25 p.m., a transport plane landed in fair weather.

16 April. No air activity was observed from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. in fair weather. Eight or 9 planes approached from the west and after flying some circles over Usedom practiced diving.

17 April. There was air activity in the morning.

18 April. MiG-15s practiced flying in the morning. Weather was fair. At 10:25 a.m., a transport plane which approached from the east landed. At 1 p.m., source observed 10 to 12 jet planes, a conventional piston plane and a transport plane at the field. A radio truck with a 2-mast antenna was observed in a patch of wood land at the edge of the field.

21 April. At 6:50 a.m., source observed 20 jet fighters parked on the runway of the installation. Weather was fair. In the morning, MiG-15s took off and landed at intervals of 10 to 15 minutes. About noon, the 20 planes were again parked on the runway. Subsequently, they were taken to the aircraft dispersal area. No flying was observed after 2 p.m.

22 April. There was no air activity in the morning. At noon, a transport plane landed; at 5:30 p.m., a jet fighter took off for a circle over the field. At 7 p.m., several jet fighters took off; the runway lights were in operation.

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When the planes landed again, the runway was lighted by searchlights. The MiG-15s involved flew with their position lights burning. Air activity continued until after 9 p.m.

23 April. There was intermittent air activity throughout the day. At 4 p.m., a transport plane took off.

2. The security measures taken around the field were maintained. They were explained to the local population by the fact that several radio installations were located in the area.

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 Comment. Peenemuende airfield was vacated because of the threat of flood in late January. It is believed that the Soviet naval air force unit previously stationed there has returned to the installation in the meantime.

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